

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 10 are in the application.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended to provide appropriate headings.

Also, references to the claims have been deleted.

With respect to the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, the Examiner will note that the claims have been amended as required.

Accordingly, inasmuch as the claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Enclosed herewith for the Examiner's information is a copy of the English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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